

REMARKS

Applicant submits this Supplemental Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to correct an error in Applicant's Amendment filed June 24, 2004.

Claim Amendments:

Applicant has amended claims 54-64, 72-77 and 90 as shown in the previous section to correct the hardness of the core from the "Shore D" scale to the "JIS-C" scale. Applicant submits that this amendment is made to merely correct an error made in the hardness scale of the core, and to make the claims consistent with the corrections to the specification set forth in the June 24, 2004 Amendment.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner enter the present amendment.

Conclusion:

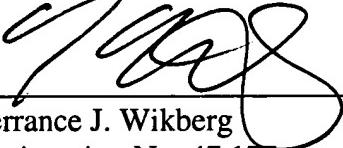
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111
Application Number 10/635,603

Our Ref: Q76678
Art Unit: 3711

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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